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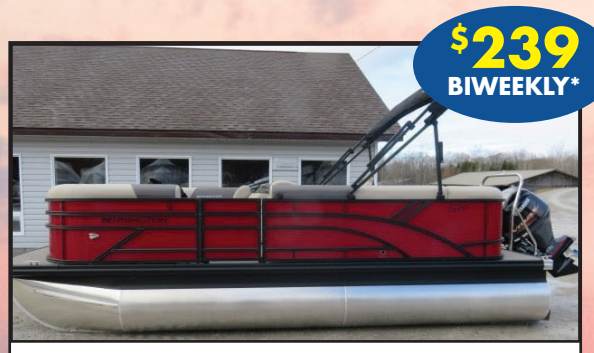

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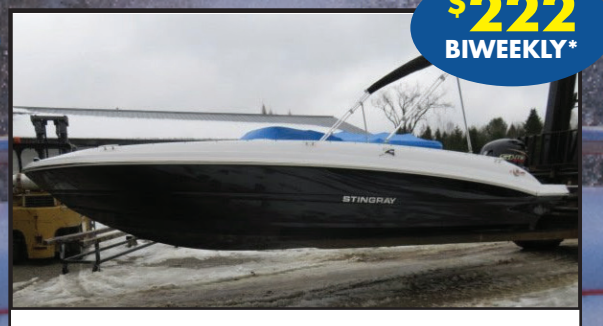

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Dragonfly hats revisited

STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

I HAVE mentioned dragonfly hats attachments a time or two in my columns. The idea of them truly fascinates me.

If you give it some thought, the idea makes a lot of sense. You place a fake dragonfly on a spring over your head and hope that mosquitoes, deer flies, black flies and other biting insects looks somewhere else for an easy meal. For, as we all know, dragonflies eat all these little pests.

The truth is I have never tried on one of these hat attachments, so while they look silly to me, I can't personally attest to their effectiveness.

Having said that, I'm going to assume they work.

But now my question is this: Is the cure worse than the disease?

I mean, they really look goofy. And people remember goofy looks for a long time. That's something I can attest to. I once wore a ponytail for less than a day thirty-five years ago and people I knew then still bring it up and laugh, even though the offending hair and its descendants are long gone.

On the other hand, the irritation from a bug bite lasts a week at most, and only that long if you are very sensitive. In which case, you probably won't like it 35 years from now when someone laughs and reminds you that you wore a fake dragonfly over your head all summer.

For all we know, bugs are afraid of springs.

On the other hand, if this works, it's a whole other industry just waiting to be exploited.

This is why I am now experimenting with Galea's hat mouse (patent pending). Unlike the hat dragonfly, the hat mouse has multiple uses. For instance, it keeps rogue elephants at bay. (I've been wearing one for a six-month trial period and did not see a single one.) It also is useful for birders who want to get closer looks at birds of prey. (Seen plenty of those.) Also, your cats will love it.

Then there is my other prototype called Galea's Hat Turd. As the name suggests, it is a plastic, realistic turd you attach to the brim of your hat. It is useful for getting out of boring conversations – you just casually put on your hat. But it also works well if you need to quickly make your way across a crowded room to meet that girl or guy or your dreams. (Just don't forget to take it off.) I had high hopes on this one, but our development team has been having too many issues with Labrador retrievers rolling in it. We're working on it. Stay tuned.

For the deer hunter, we're working on the Garden Hat. It's basically a ball cap with all fake imitations of all the flowers, vegetables, and shrubs that are in your gardens. The same ones that the deer continually decimate. Wear this and the deer will come find you anywhere you go.

If you dislike or are allergic to cats, you'll also love the three-year-old toddler hat ornament I have been working on. It is actually a cutely dressed little mannequin about the size of a three-year-old boy or girl that sits atop your hat. No cat in its right mind will go near it.

I guess what I'm saying is that the dragonfly hat attachment is just the beginning.

If you try hard enough, you can always find something repulsive to put on a ball cap.

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... MRS. L, Mrs. B, two Mrs. Fs and Mr. N, whose noteworthy handlebar moustache was somehow just as 'motherly' as the smoother cheeks of the others as they welcomed kindergarteners every new September. Theirs was one of the toughest, sweetest, most underrated jobs in the history of working hard for the money. And as in many other professions, they were in it, not because it felt easy-street, but because all these teachers could infuse their duties with natural savvy, as well as their own happiest memories from school.

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

I attended Ontario kindergarten for half-days. And we napped. Today's four and five year-olds spend all day there, minus sleep, plus immersion in revised curriculum which more officially preps them for measurable progress. Many newbies already read a little, add simply, operate basic tech, know stuff, speak other languages, and have travelled. But they still need nurturing teachers who are trained in practically everything, and are equally experienced in Murphy's Law, Golden Rule, snowsuits and Rice Krispie Squares.

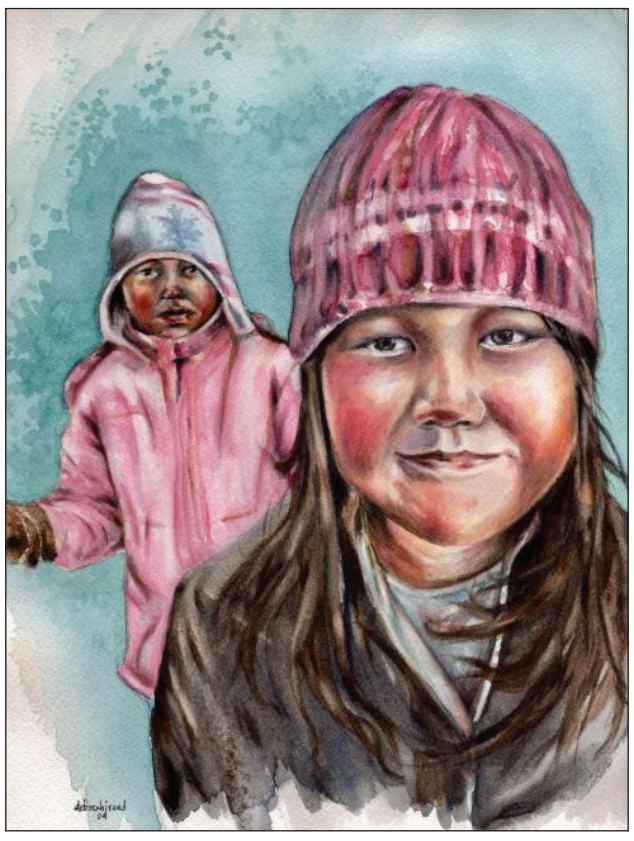
Some of my nicest friends were once kindergarten teachers. Whatever heartaches might be darkening their personal lives, they brought only patience to each earnest, frightened or cranky little face which watched politely, hid under the sand-table, or kept interrupting during story-circle. Only careful words addressed all these fledglings so that each could 'graduate' in June with some braver, wiser way with which to tackle next worlds.

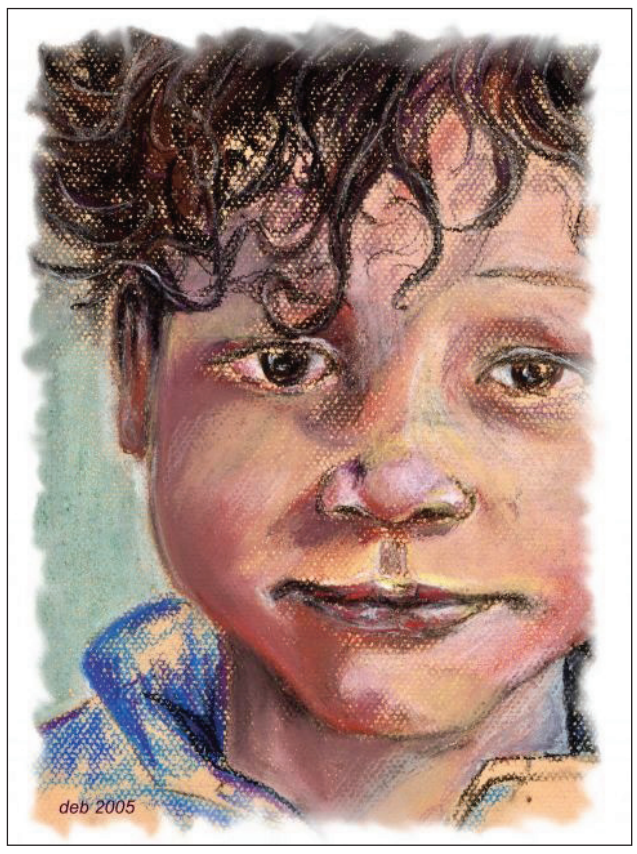
Kindergarten teachers know exactly how and what to teach. They get that they're being watched and trusted, and that they're accountable for modelling and reinforcing life's original precepts around awareness and self-management. It's one huge responsibility, and perpetually valuable in all the bigger pictures.

I got to witness how those five friends operated on site. Environment was everything. Tiny new students arrived with all senses supercharged, egos only semi-bridled, limited understanding of public protocols, and with compulsions towards distractibility. Through hands-on play came science, math, language … all those rewards of connecting the natures of things. And from activity developed confidence, social skills, strengths, identity, communication, friendships.

Former colleague Mrs. L passed away in 2017. She influenced my career most profoundly. She spent summers studying whales at her husband's St. Lawrence research station. She understood music and art. She used the universe, photographs, conversations and LOTS of paints. Clean-up wasn't a breeze, so she'd stay late after school to begin anew the following morning. Mr. N walked his kindergarteners on their first field trip to the local grocery store. Some students still believed that eggs and milk came directly from Loblaws. Fittingly, a rural farm was their second outing. And not once did Mrs. B dissuade young 'E' from choosing skirts from the classroom dress-up box. He grew up great.

Whatever haziness we might now harbour around our own schoolteachers, most of them imprinted. And most will never hear about how. 'Education' comes from the Latin 'to lead out'. Today's gutsy postgrad students who specialize in kindergarten … well, the best among them will get immortality.





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Walk

SOMETIMES THE thoughts swirl and the ideas come to a halt.

It happens to all of us.

And my ultimate solution? Take a walk.

We work in an old building in the heart of Haliburton. It overlooks the lake and I watch as the Farmers' Market sets up colourful stalls every Tuesday in the park, like balloons popping in the sun.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

But even while I watch the world unfold from the beveled glass of my office, the drafty building has a way of carrying the cobwebs of its corners and embedding them into the minutiae of the mind.

So I take a walk.

I head into the village, I embark on a hunt for a good cup of coffee.

But, like any traditional after-school special would tell you, the prize is not in the steamy cup of joe.

Rather, it's in the journey.

I feel grateful that my body allows me to get up and go when I feel the urge to move. I've used walking as an outlet when knots feel tight in my core throughout every major chapter of my life. Late night study sessions at my campus library, when the snow would hang in the air around fluorescent street lights, like ashes from a fire that pops and burns.

Explorations of new cities; the dampened cardboard boxes sitting unopened on the threshold of an apartment I've barely set foot in. But first thing's first: I had to walk.

A walk through a place you know like the lines that criss and cross the back off your hand is something special. I walked through this very village every day of my childhood; trampled over bulking snow banks after hockey games, wandered in when the weather got hazy to watch movies at the Molou with a crisp bottle of Sprite.

Sometimes I walk with music or audiobooks or podcasts filling the voids between my ears. In the early days of iPods, I would walk from the high school to the *Echo* office along the weaving and winding path of Head Lake, listening to full albums I'd risked viruses for on my dial-up computer.

Other days, I prefer silence, amazed at how the knots and tangles unravel themselves amongst the steady hum of wheels on asphalt, birds in trees, water kissing the shoreline.

And it doesn't have to be long. It doesn't have to be far.

On a wee walk from the office on a mission for coffee, less than one kilometre, I bumped into about half a dozen people I know. We stop. We talk. We hug. We chat. We move on. We walk.

Because while walks offer a space of solitude, they also put you out in the open, an allowance for connection, a welcome reprieve from the quiet nooks and crannies of the office. Of my mind.

I have never regretted a walk; a fact that my brain seems to forget every time I need one. It takes a lot to get moving in any capacity, but once momentum is found, it's always worth it.

There are metaphors and life lessons to each walk: one step in front of the other, at your own pace, on your own times. And of course there are physical benefits.

But above all, it's a chance to unravel the knots and tangles of my ever-busy brain. Sometimes on my own, sometimes amongst others. There's an aching anonymity I often embraced when walking amongst strangers, a relished warmth when walking amongst friends.

So here is my reminder to go for a walk. Every day. A few steps. On a mission for coffee, or just to see the world.

It's worth it.

Top 10 things I learned from my grandkids

THIS WEEK, I am fortunate enough to have my two grandchildren stay over for a week. It is educational. Mostly because they remind you of the things you forgot long ago. Here are the top 10 things my grandchildren have taught me.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Ice cream is a food group.
2. Every Barbie doll eventually ends up naked.
3. Kids basically bounce.
4. If you are doing bedtime correctly, it is an eighteen-part process.
5. If children were giving out Nobel prizes for literature, the only stories that would qualify would be those whose central theme was farting.
6. You can be doubtful of Santa Claus, but God help you if you doubt the veracity of *Paw Patrol*.
7. When a four-year-old declares "I have to go to the washroom," drop everything – especially the four-year-old.
8. They are the only things cats truly fear.
9. It's entirely possible to watch a favourite movie 35 times in fice days.
10. The food they asked for five minutes ago is not necessarily the food they want now.

Path

Path overgrown with grass and weeds, leading down towards a stream,
that meanders between rocks, the murmur of water, as it makes its way,
hiccupping over rocks, slipping over moss, white ribbons of froth unfurling around the rocks
that are too large to slide over, somehow, the water always finds a way to flow,
slowing as it approaches a forest of reeds, springing from the stream,
the water swallowed by a sea of green, I wonder where the stream will resurface
as I follow the narrow path, tall grasses grazing my calves and the hillocks of my knees,
as I search for the source of this secret stream,
stumbling across it as I flip-flopped my way down the slope of the hill, toward a tangle of trees,
seeking reprieve from the heat, the white orb of Sun blazing through the blue haze of Sky,
the gurgle of the stream trickling into my ears, sunlight silvering patches of its flow,
I follow the path, my feet trampling grass, my eyes drinking in this sea of reeds,
pausing to watch a red-winged blackbird flutter up into Air, leaving its perch on top of a cattail,
to maybe wing its way back toward the trail at the top of the hill,
where other birds nestle in the branches of trees,
their chirps trickling through Air like an invisible stream, that I glimpse once again as the path curves,
the murmur of the stream, drenching my ears, as I walk toward the source of the sound,
slowing my steps and Breath, as if my presence will somehow disturb its flow,
this stream that meanders between rocks and reeds, its discovery, like a secret that I seal deep inside,
as I inhale Air, laced with the fragrance of earth,
I walk towards the edge of the stream, to rest on a rock, cloaked in moss,
and just listen to the murmur of water as it flows,
the overhanging branches of a tree, shielding me from the scorch of Sun,
the moss, cushioning me, as I grow still as the rock on which I sit,
watching the water navigate its path, over and around the rocks, how effortlessly it slips and slides,
always finding a way to flow,
I listen and watch 'till it's time to go, rising from the rock,
the hardness of my thoughts, replaced by the softness of feeling the flow of the stream,
as I pad my way back along the path, overgrown with grass and weeds,
sunlight bleeding through the trees,
dappling the path with shadows of fluttering leaves.

Sylvie Kalenda

Maybelle's cure for what ails you, don'tcha know

DEAR READER,

Wouldn't you know, this morning ol' Maybelle woke up feeling kind of ragged. Out of sorts. Not my sunny self. Even Bogart, my pet bear, noticed it. Why he's as sensitive to me as I am to everything that's going on in the world, a lot of which is pretty dark at the moment. But, thank goodness I noticed it, rather than let it set my day to grey. That cheerleader part of me demanded: "Maybelle, you know what to do, now get doing it!"

MAYBELLE'S
Fireside Stories

So, I jumped into my ever-ready running shoes, doused myself with bug spray (oh, how those skeeters love me!), asked Bogart to mind the fort, and booted it down to the walking path that runs alongside Lake WhaddayathinkImean, don'tcha know.

Ahhh, the sky, vast and blue didn't waste any time putting space around the funk I was feeling. The vista of lakeside cottages, hills of rolling green, sounds of birds singing, water lapping, leaves rustling made the clouds inside me melt away like the Wicked Witch of the West, don'tcha know.

Mother Nature, the cure for what ails you was all around me like a hug.

Clomp, clomp, clomp, I walked at a pace telling myself: Maybelle, put your shoulders back. Imagine your head is tied to the sky and it's pulling at you to stand up straight, like Mama used to tell you, so you wouldn't get all round shouldered like she did. So, I'm walking straight as an arrow with my eyes searching the ground – didn't want to miss seeing all the wild things growing along the path. Wild and free. Untethered to somebody's manicured garden. Proud and boastful showing off their colours: butter yellow, frivolous lavender, perky pink flowers, buds, dare I say: weeds.

Oh, they were here last year, uninvited, unplanned, determined to come back again. Determined to have another go-round. To feel the sun. Refresh in the rain. Shout quietly. Sing silently. Give so much joy by simply being who and what they are. Mother Nature's treasures. Treats. Eye candy. Spirit-raising medicine, don'tcha know.

And if ol' Maybelle didn't feel a big wave of inspiration move over me. Why, the strength of these small, seemingly fragile flowers, sprigs, living green things made my old eyes and those of every walker on this path be reminded how strong the smallest, seemingly fragile flower, sprig, and assortment of Mother Nature's little treasures can inspire brighter, happier thoughts, peppier steps, and renewed hope.

Why, if I didn't hear Rosie O'Donnell, the beloved comedian, actor, activist talk about her short list for how to get yourself out of a funk, and guess what? Top of the list was getting yourself outside! Rain or shine, hot weather or snow. Even just for a bit. Bundle up or make your clothes skinny, but get outside. And if you can't walk easily, get someone to help you.

See the sky, breathe fresh air, plant your eyes on whatever's there. It gets you out of your busy monkey mind. Out of worries about tomorrow, regrets about the past and smack dab into *now.* The moment. The place and space where life lives. Where there's room for fresh ideas, peace of mind and healing.

And if you can't get outside, then plant yourself near a window. Open the curtains. Pull up the blinds. And sit there and look out. Clear the decks of emotion and paperwork and breathe easy.

That's ol' Maybelle's cure for what ails you, and I'm stickin' to it, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories and her novel: "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon" are now available at www.amazon.com.

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The cast of The Grown-Ups has some fun during rehearsals. The show is set to hit the stage in mid-August. /photo submitted

Theatre as therapy

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I began working with Ctrl-ART-Del two years ago, when I was 15. At that time, my only acting experience was in Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's modernized production of *Romeo and Juliet*. I was also dealing with extreme social anxiety. I longed to do more theatre, but was scared to take part of anything outside of HHSS, where I would have to work with people I didn't know. However, that fall, I faced my fears and attended Ctrl-ART-Del's first Scene Study.

At Scene Study, I met others who shared the same passion and intrigue for theatre that I did. Even though going out of my comfort zone to stand in front of others and perform a monologue from my favourite film, *Dead Poets Society*, was terrifying, it was also exhilarating. I had more fun than I had in years. The Scene Study allowed me to push myself and to be pushed by my peers and instructors. I felt proud of my work and of all that I had accomplished during the study days. And, more importantly, I found a safe space to be myself.

To quote Tim Nicholson, founder and artistic director of Ctrl-ART-Del, "Theatre is the safest space in the world. It's therapy."

In many ways, a rehearsal hall is a sacred place. It's an emotional playground to try on as many new emotions as you would like. You can play the highs and lows of your character's story as big as you want to and will not, no matter what, be judged or looked down upon for it. It's a safe place to face your own big fears and work through them as a character. It's a setting where, no matter who you are or where you come from, you will be accepted. You will never be mocked for being too much.

Theatre is a place where misfits thrive because a person can be their most authentic, strange self in a rehearsal space and will be met with celebration, never judgement.

This summer, I have been lucky enough to be a part of the wonderful cast of *The Grown-Ups* by Simon Henriques and Skylar Fox. The show is produced by Ctrl-ART-Del and directed by Tim Nicholson, with Christine Carr and Hannah Klose as assistant directors. *The Grown-Ups* deals with a lot of heavy emotions and subject matter.

Rehearsing for the show has given me permission to experiment with said emotions, which has been very freeing onstage. Working with the cast and production team of this play has been an incredibly fun, educating, and rewarding experience. My directors and fellow actors have pushed me to new limits. All of the hard work that we have all put into this show has been so worth it, and will continue to be as rehearsals carry on over the next few weeks.

The Grown-Ups follows five camp counselors going through a global crisis at their camp, Indigo Woods, and trying to navigate all of the difficulties of their rapidly changing world. Perhaps the biggest challenge is the decision of whether or not to hide the crisis from their young campers. It explores themes of friendship, growing up, and the difficulty of change.

The Grown-Ups will be performed at the Haliburton Legion this summer on Aug. 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are available online at tickets.ctrlartdel.ca, $25 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets are also available at the door on show nights, but for cash only. We hope to welcome you this summer to Camp Indigo Woods!

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Where your taxes go: A guide to living in and visiting Haliburton County

JESSICA SLADE
Plain Talk Politics

I KNOW - it's the long weekend. You're probably flipping through this paper with your morning coffee or coming in from the sun for a quick break. And here I am, making you think about taxes. I get it. Tax season is (blessedly) behind us. But here's the thing: even if you've already filed your return, taxes never stop playing a role in your life.

Whether you live here year-round or just spend summers by the lake, you're paying into the system. Every time you get a paycheque, income tax comes off the top. When you fill up your gas tank, buy groceries, or head into town for su pplies, you're paying HST – 13 per cent in Ontario. And if you own property, you're paying municipal taxes that support the local roads you drive, the paramedics who respond in emergencies, the library your kids love, and the parks, landfills, and fire services we all rely on.

Seasonal residents often ask: "Do I really have a say if I only live here part of the year?" The answer is yes – because your taxes are still at work in this community. In fact, property taxes are the main way municipalities raise revenue. That means your dollars directly support the services you see - and don't see – every day.

But here's the catch: who decides how that money gets spent?

In Haliburton County's last municipal election, only two of the eight top leadership positions – mayor and deputy mayor in each of the four lower-tier municipalities – were filled through a contested public vote. The rest? Four were acclaimed, meaning no one ran against them, so no election was held. And two deputy mayors were chosen by council members behind closed doors, not by voters at all. That means just 25 per cent of those top roles were decided by the public – even though all are funded by your tax dollars and shape major decisions about local spending and services.

These aren't small decisions either. They include land use and zoning, roads and infrastructure, waste management, recreation, emergency services, and more. They influence where new homes are built, which programs get funding, and how we grow as a community.

At the provincial level, your taxes go toward health care, education, transit, and social services. Federally, they fund everything from Old Age Security to employment insurance, national defence, and even the CBC. These dollars don't just disappear – they're redistributed through programs and services that affect every part of your life.

So why does this matter now? Because decisions are still being made, even while Parliament takes a break for the summer, municipal councils continue to meet. Budgets are drafted, roads are fixed, and long-term plans take shape – including Haliburton County's recent work on a Strategic Plan that will shape local priorities for years to come.

Currently, the federal government is accepting pre-budget submissions for Budget 2025. Until August 28, Canadians can share their ideas and priorities through an online questionnaire or formal submission. It's a small but important way to speak up about what matters to you – and it's open to everyone.

So yes, I know taxes aren't a fun beach read. But they're part of the invisible contract we all participate in – the one that funds our shared life together.

And if you're paying into the system, you deserve to know where your money is going – and to have a say in what happens next.

Bashful deer by Debi Ireland

County Pride - How it happens

CHRISTINE CARR
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From its inception as a flag raising and community picnic, to today being one of the largest cultural gatherings in Haliburton county, Pride in the Highlands (formerly Minden Pride) annual Pride Week has continuously evolved and grown since its humble beginnings in 2016.

Behind the colourful events and celebrations is the Pride in the Highlands' Board of Directors, who complete the unseen planning and organization for the celebration, alongside the many amazing volunteers, vendor partners, sponsors, and numerous others from around the county.

As soon as the final festivities in August wrap up, the Pride flags are folded and put away for another year, and the rainbows diminish into the background, the committee begins the planning for the next year's festivities.

The current Pride in the Highlands Board of Directors consists of people from all walks of life. Those who were born and raised in the area as well as those who moved here and fell in love with the region. People from across the 2SLGBTQIA+ rainbow: gay men, lesbian women, allies. People in their 30s to people in their 60s. Like Pride Week itself, the Board believes that Pride is for everyone, and everyone should feel included and represented.

When it comes to the organization of the Pride Week, every member of the Board has an important role or responsibility. Some may work on tracking the budget, keeping the festivities on track and partners paid, while others may recruit and organize the army of volunteers needed to make the week happen. Some create the schedule of events and graphics, or solidify partnerships with organizations around the county. Whatever their role, it is a year-long effort of the entire committee to make the annual Pride Week a success.

However, like many organizations across the County, it can be difficult to maintain a large enough Board to pull off the enormous celebration. This difficulty causes concern for the current members, who worry about the event's future. To combat this growing challenge, the Board tries to continually adapt the festivities to meet the needs of the community and the capacity of the Board members.

What is happening?

One such change this year consisted of moving some events outside of the week itself, including the Queer Comedy Night, held on July 25th, as well as the Queer Trivia Night, to be held on August 14th.

The week itself still hosts many of the favourite events, such as Auntie Plum's captivating Drag Story Times, the annual Minden Hills Flag Raising, a Meet and Greet, river float, and the annual Streetfest event. However, there are a few notable changes as well.

For the first time the township of Dysart will be hosting a flag raising of its own. This is an exciting change that reflects the efforts of the entire community in creating an inclusive and safe space for everyone.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre has also increased its collaboration this year, hosting multiple events throughout the week. Alongside the second annual Voice of Pride Queer Art Exhibition, there will be a documentary screening of *The Jackie Shane Story* as well as a Dramatic Reading of the play *Hurricane Diane* by Madeleine George.

The Dramatic Reading is being produced and organized by local theatre company Ctrl-Art-Del, who perform a number of productions throughout the year reflecting its diverse cast members, including *The Grown-Ups*, which will be premiering Aug. 14 at the legion (tickets.ctrlartdel.ca).

Like children awaiting Santa on Christmas Eve, the excitement of the Pride Committee is rising as we approach another yet year of festivities, but it is also overshadowed by concern for the future. The Board of Directors is currently welcoming new members to join in helping organize Pride 2026, and if you are interested, want more information, or are interested in becoming a volunteer at events, contact info@mindenpride.ca.

Check out this year's calendar of events to plan your itinerary:

Monday, Aug. 18:
9 a.m. Flag Raising and Opening Ceremonies, Minden Municipal Office
4 p.m. Flag Raising at the Dysart Arena, Haliburton
5 p.m. Meet and Greet at Hook, Line and Sinker

Tuesday, Aug. 19:
1 p.m. *Any Other Way, The Jackie Shan Story* Documentary Screening, Minden Hills Cultural Centre
3 p.m. Drag Story Time featuring Auntie Plum, Minden Library

Thursday, Aug. 21:
3 p.m. Drag Story Time featuring Auntie Plum, Haliburton Library
5 p.m. CTRL-ART-DEL presents *Hurricane Diane Dramatic Reading*, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Friday, Aug. 22:
6 p.m. Voices of Pride art exhibit opening reception, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Saturday, Aug. 23:
2 p.m. DCH Dance Happens Here presents Out on the Street line dancing feat. Jacqui Bell, River Cone

Sunday, Aug. 24:
11 a.m. Rainbow Streetfest feat. performances by drag artists and headliner Dani Doucette, Water Street, Minden
11:30 a.m. Float with Pride River Parade, Gull River, Minden
3 p.m. Festival wrap party, Boshkung Social, Minden

MINDEN ROTARYFEST

Saturday, August 9, 2025 | 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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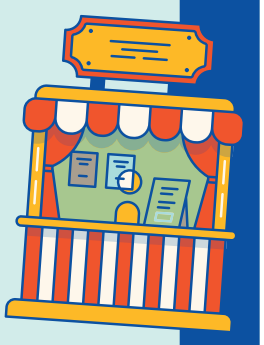

Games with hourly prizes including:
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Wiffle Golf
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Car Races
Story Time with Auntie Plum
Minden Hills Cultural Centre activities
Minden Legion

Minnow Races
Fish Pond
Face Painting
Tattoos

Events and Attractions

Jeep 4X4 Show and Shine, Tractors hosted by Minden Auto

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Scavenger Hunt

Raffle Items

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Draw will be held Downtown Minden at the Rotary Booth on Saturday, August 9 starting at 3:00. Tickets Sales End at 2:30.

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Ten drownings in Eastern Ontario

Life Jacket Use Could Reverse This Disturbing Trend

Life jackets can save lives, but only if you wear them.

Capsizing or falling overboard are the two leading causes of death in boating incidents, and wearing a life jacket can mean the difference between life and death.

The Ontario Provincial Police has responded to ten marine fatalities in eastern Ontario so far this summer. That›s more than double the number of drowning deaths at this time last year.

In each incident in the region this summer, the victim has not been wearing a life jacket.

«This is about education and changing the mindset to ensure everyone wears the proper gear, whether in a power boat or in a canoe. This is about coming home safely and ensuring that everyone, adults and children, are safe on or near the water," said Chief Superintendent Lisa Wilhelm, OPP East Region Commander

If you are on or near the water this summer, ensure that you AND your children are protected. Wear your life jackets.

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OUT ON THE STREET
Line Dancing
Saturday, August 23 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the River Cone in Minden
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One person charged after tire deflation device deployed

The Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has charged one person following a short pursuit.

On Friday, July 18, 2025, shortly after 8:00 a.m., Bancroft OPP officers were advised from the Haliburton OPP that there was a stolen vehicle entering the area that they were currently pursuing. A tire deflation device was deployed, bringing the vehicle to a stop.

As a result, a a 23 year old from Quebecwas charged with:

Possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000
Flight from peach officer
Dangerous operation

The accused was remanded into custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Belleville on July 21, 2025.

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Impaired driving continues to plague roads

A disturbing number of drivers across eastern Ontario continue to get behind the wheel after drinking or consuming drugs.

As of the end of June, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers across the region have investigated 575 impaired driving incidents. While that is down slight from the same period in 2024, it is still a cause for concern.

"One impaired driver is one too many. We know impaired driving can have a deadly impact, affecting not only that driver, but potentially others on the roads and highways, innocent families," said Inspector Josh Kingsley, OPP East Region Traffic & Marine Manager

In the first half of 2025, the OPP investigated 22 fatal collisions on eastern Ontario roads, resulting in the deaths of 25 people. Impaired driving played a role in five of those deaths.

OPP officers across eastern Ontario are on the roads 24/7, looking for those who engage in dangerous driving habits like impaired driving. If you suspect someone if driving impaired, call 9-1-1. You could help save lives.

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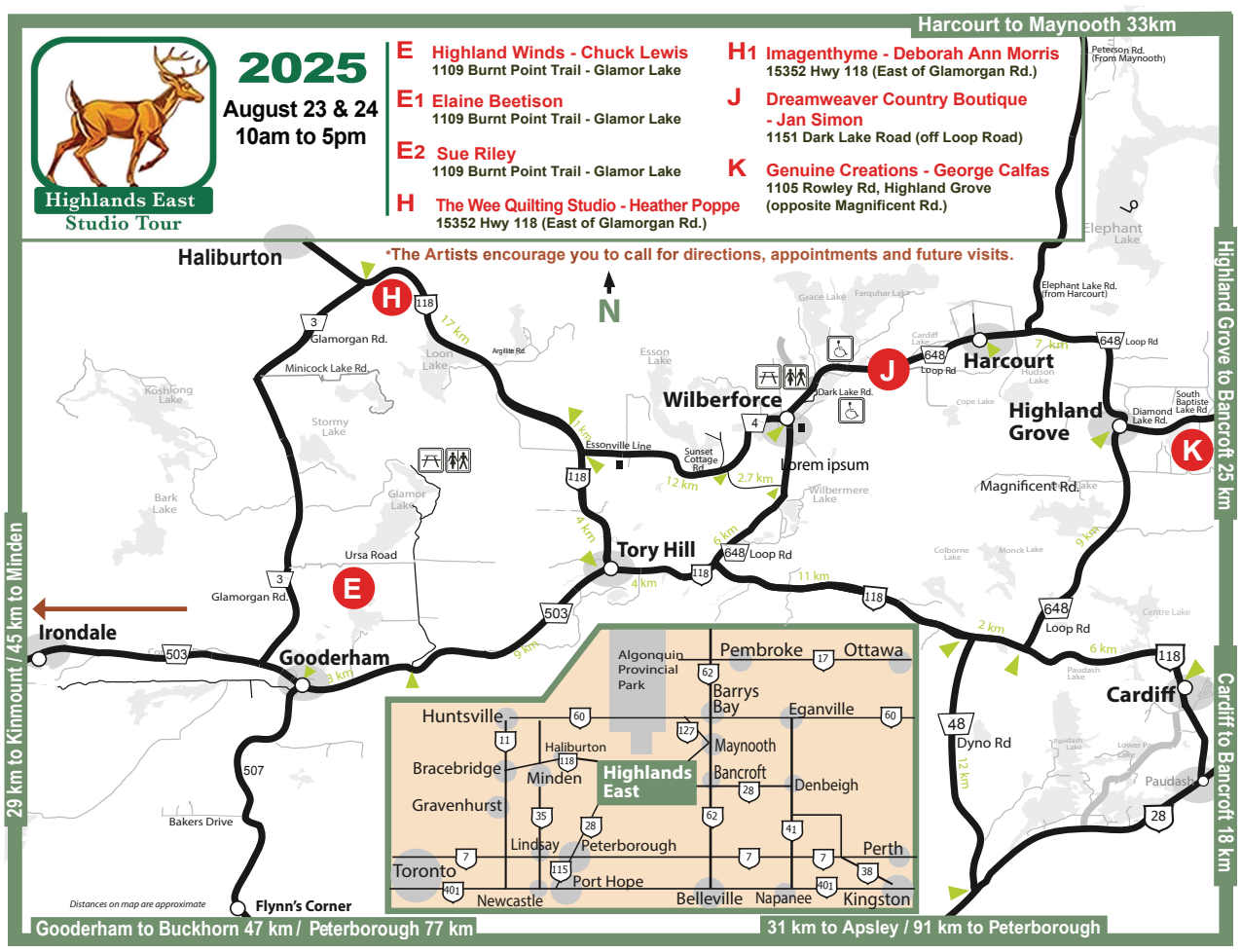

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The 2025 Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic, held on July 18th, 2025 at Blairhampton Golf Club, was an outstanding success. The impressive generosity of the community resulted in over $234,000 being raised to benefit the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. This achievement underscores the commitment of our sponsors and volunteers, whose combined efforts were essential to the event's execution. Thanks to Blairhampton G.C. and staff for a seamless golf day. The enthusiastic engagement of golfers and guests fostered a dynamic atmosphere, further enhanced by MC Rick Lowes and the expert auctioneering of Keith Moore. Special recognition is extended to the Duchene family for their steadfast dedication, which remains central to the ongoing success of this notable annual event. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the 2025 MDCGC, with particular appreciation for organizing committee members Troy Austen, Vince Duchene, and Susannah Moylan for their invaluable time and expertise. Your support is instrumental in advancing healthcare services within Haliburton County. We look forward to hosting another exceptional gathering in 2026!

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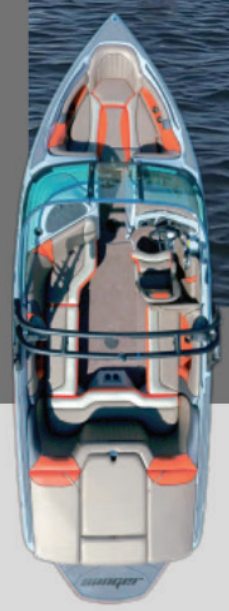

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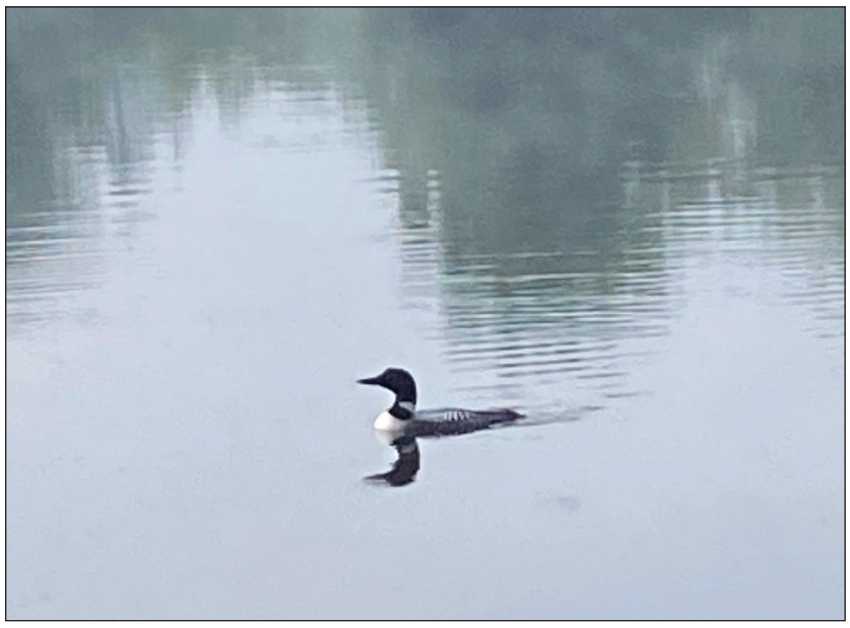

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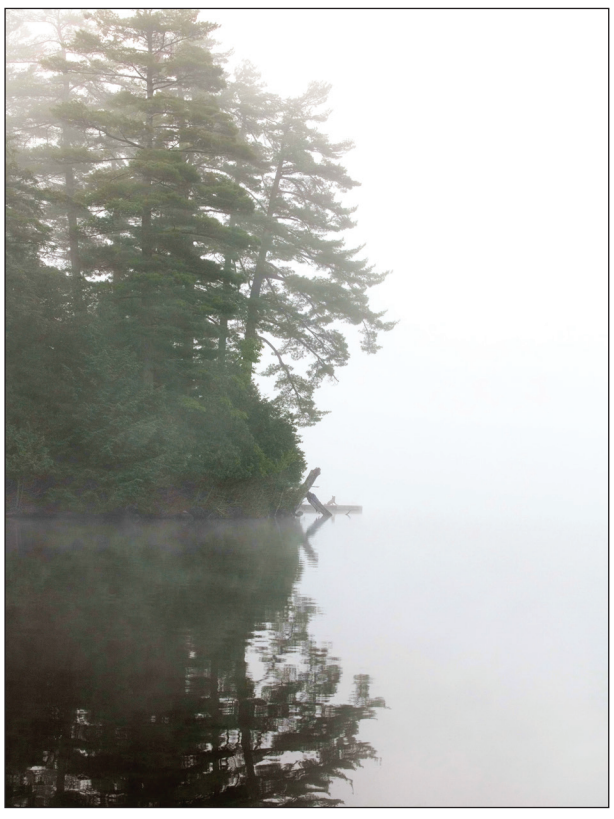

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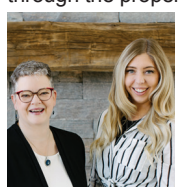

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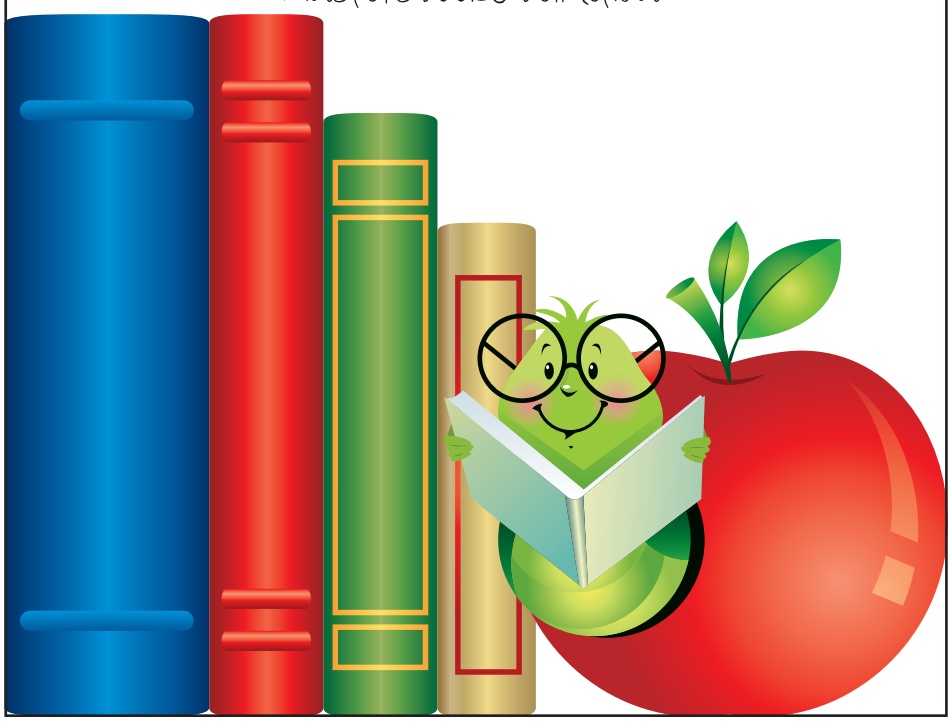

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Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Events: Annual Corn Roast

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Mark your calendars: Our next Repair Café is Sunday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. And remember, every first Sunday of the month from April to October, we'll be here doing our part for the planet!

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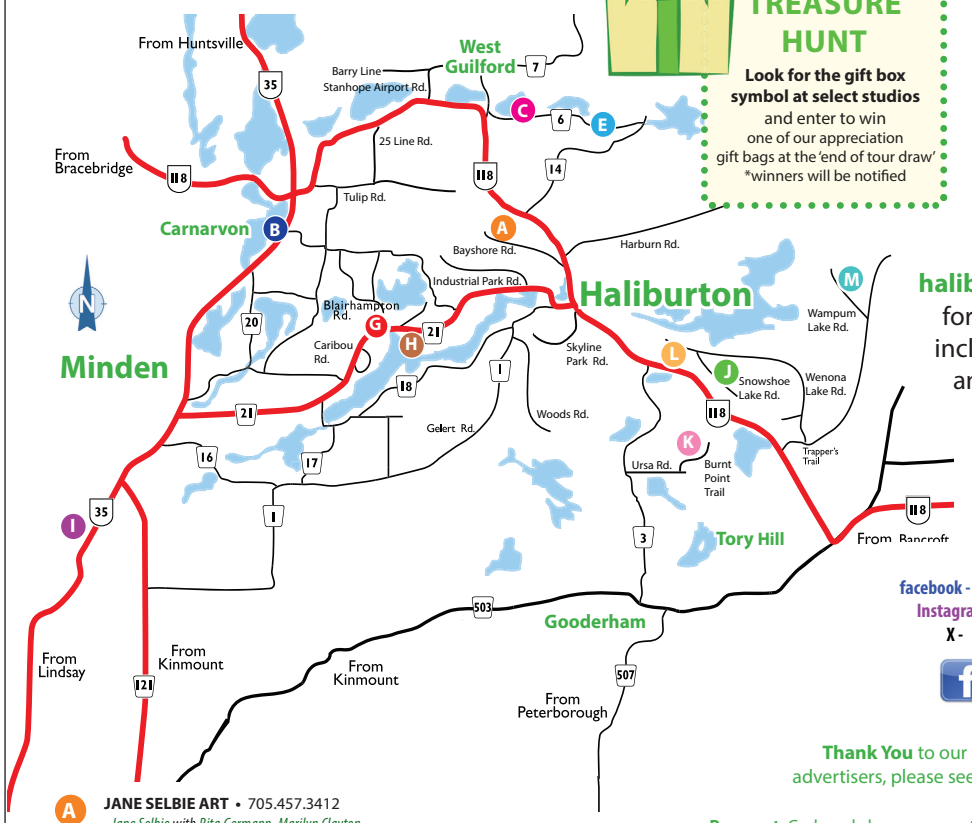

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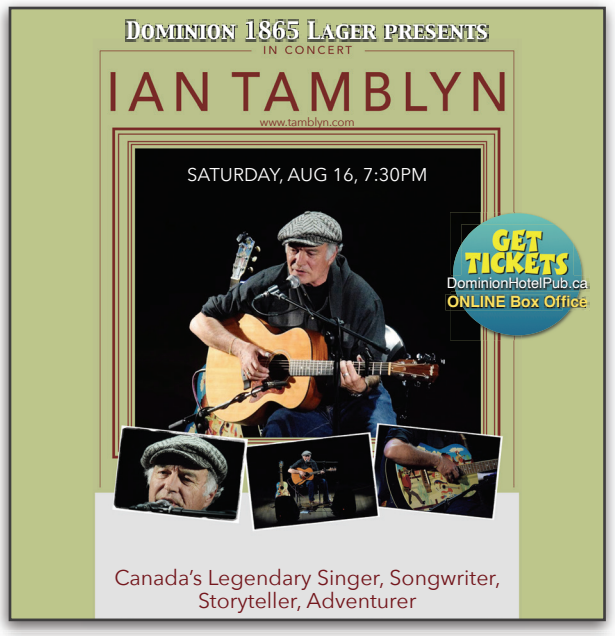

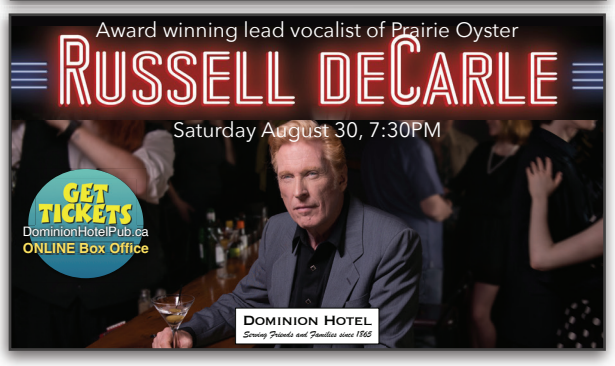

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Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m. Canteen opens at
6 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
Monday: Rug Hookers every second week. Bid Euchre 1 to 3 p.m.
Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541. Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 10 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 6 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Mondays: Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 Darts $5/ player 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 Darts $4/player 2 p.m.
Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 Quick Supper Menu changes weekly $10 5 to 6:30 p.m.
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Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 Horseshoes $5/player 7 p.m.
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Aug. 8, 22 Community Care 55+ Lunch $17, noon
Aug. 8, 22 Fish and Chips 1pc/$15, 2pc/$20
Saturdays: Aug. 2, 9, 16, 30 Board Games 2 p.m.
Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Meat Draw 3 p.m.
Aug. 23 Ladies Auxiliary Appreciation Day 2 to 6 p.m.
Aug. 23 Karaoke 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
August 30 Trivia Night 7 p.m.
Sundays: Aug. 10 L.A Breakfast $10. 9 to 11 a.m.
Call the Legion for more info 705-448-2221

Haliburton HIGHLANDS Seniors Active Living Centre

Check out this month's SALC events and activities for residents aged 55+

August 5, 1 p.m. - Museum & Heritage Village Tour Hosted at Minden Hills Cultural Centre
August 7, 10 a.m. - Learn to Disc Golf Hosted at Abbey Gardens
August 13, 10 a.m. - Forest Bathing Hosted at Abbey Gardens
August 14, 28, 10 a.m. - Painting Class Hosted at Wilberforce Legion
August 15, 22, 29, 11 a.m. - Seniors Balance and Cardio Fitness Hosted at A.J. LaRue Arena
August 20, 10 a.m. - Garden Walk & Talk Hosted at Abbey Gardens
August 20, 2:30 p.m. - Qi Gong Lesson Hosted at Abbey Gardens

Drop-in Cards & Board Games

- Mondays 1 p.m. and Thursdays 7 p.m. Hosted at Minden Legion
- Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Hosted at Dorset Rec Centre
- Thursdays (7th and 21st) 1 p.m. Hosted at Harcourt Community Centre
- Fridays 10 a.m. Hosted at Haliburton Legion
- Saturdays 2:30 p.m. Hosted at Wilberforce Legion

Haliburton County Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC)

Through this program, older adults (55+) and seniors (65+) are invited to get active, make friends, and be well!

The SALC Program is designed to provide social, cultural, learning, and recreational opportunities for seniors to stay fit, healthy and socially connected in their communities.

SALC Programming is available in Haliburton County beginning in July 2025, through collaboration between the County of Haliburton and local municipalities, the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, and multiple partners.

For more information, visit haliburtoncounty.ca/SALC or pick up a full calendar at a participating SALC location, including a Legion or Library near you!

Funding for this program has been provided by the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility.

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slice through the heat, my feet rooted to the earth, when the first thunderclap comes,
its sound, jolting me from the ground and the patch of raspberries that grow wild along the side of the trail,
I blink up at the clouds, bruising Sky, releasing beads of Rain, I squeeze the raspberries so tight in my fist,
they bleed all over my hand, as I stand still for a moment, cupping my face up toward Sky, feeling Air change,
welcoming the Rain, as droplets moisten my forehead and trickle down my cheeks,
almost a week of this searing heat, my legs, heavy as lead, as they trudge beneath afternoon Sun, another thunderclap ripping through Sky,
rumbling louder, this time, as I pick up my basket, brimming with berries, and begin to scurry, umbrellaless, along the trail,
unable to read Sky's mood this morning, pieces of it, clear and blue, other patches, brooding and grey,
as I stepped Outside, swinging my basket, on a mission to pick as many wild raspberries along the trail
before Sky began spitting Rain, eating almost as many as I pick, the flavor of the bumpy little red berries,
bursting on my tongue, like the sweetness of a summer day, reminding me of childhood
and the bushes of raspberries that grew along another trail,
near where my parents rented a one-room cabin for a month each summer,
my summer friend and I, glued at the hip all July, swimming and clam shell collecting and searching for wild raspberries along different trails, berry juice dribbling
down our chins and the skin of our wrists as we picked and talked and giggled about girl things, making plans what to bring to the bonfire that night,
hoping her big brother would bring his guitar so we could sing our favourite song, Barbara Ann, by the Beach Boys, bellowing it into the Night,
so loud, we must have scared the skunks back into their dens,
the stars, glinting up there, in a Sky so black, we were afraid to walk back to our cabins, locking elbows, walking together, step by step, making plans in the dark, for the
next day, swimming and ping-pong and pebble and feather collecting, playing cards or Barbies on rainy days,
for seven summers we were inseparable as the halves of a clam shell,
especially that last summer, when we ogled the older boys in the yellow speedboat, sashaying past the dock,
trying to look nonchalant, our dives splattering into belly-flops, as we scurried away, embarrassed,
but we had each other, that last summer, to share secrets and dreams with, on the dock or on the trail, picking berries,
before her family moved far away, and I never saw my July friend again,
resurfacing, sometimes, in my thoughts, when I fill my basket with raspberries,
savouring each one like I did each summer with her,
wondering whether she sometimes remembers, too, that time we ran through the Rain, singing Barbara Ann,
spilling berries from our baskets, along the way, another thunderclap, splitting Sky, as I scurry along the trail,
Rain washing the berry stains from my hand, I wonder where my seven summers friend is today,
whether she still picks baskets of raspberries and plays Gin Rummy and Crazy Eights on rainy days,
sometimes, it's like this, with summer friends, the memory fades like the colour of a leaf, curling into fall,
other times, it remains clear as a fleck of blue Sky peeking through after Rain.

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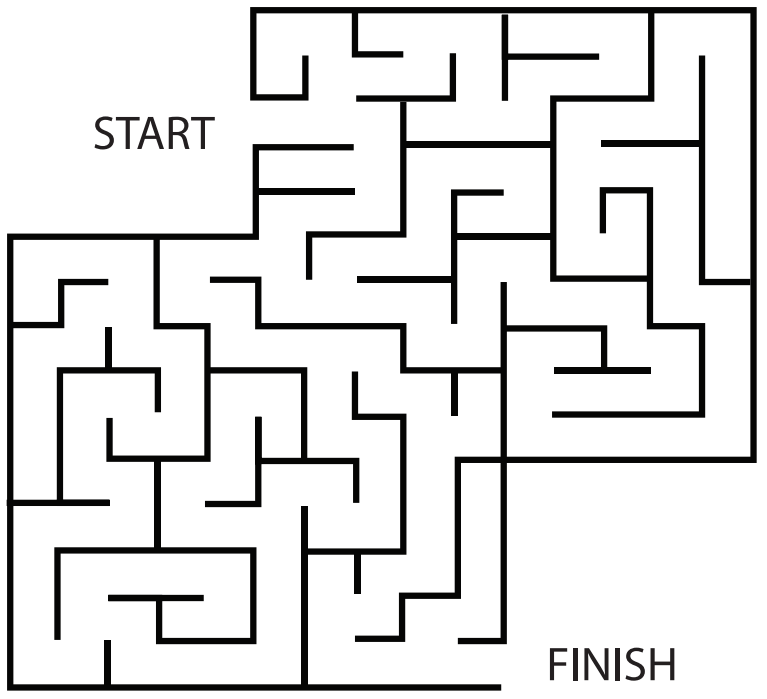

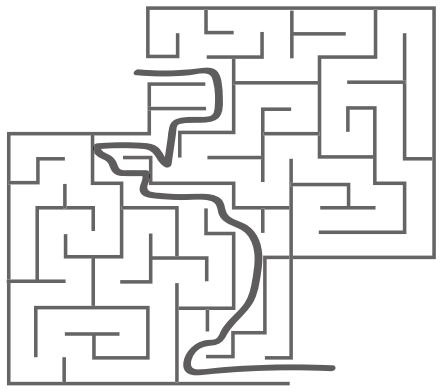

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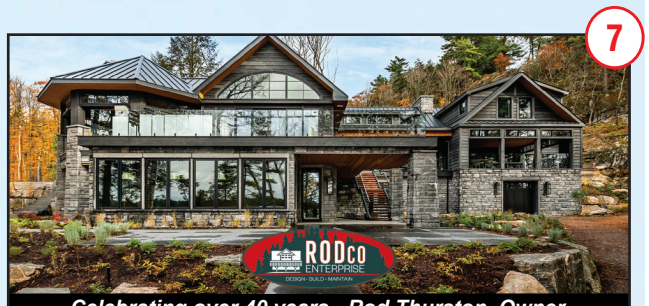

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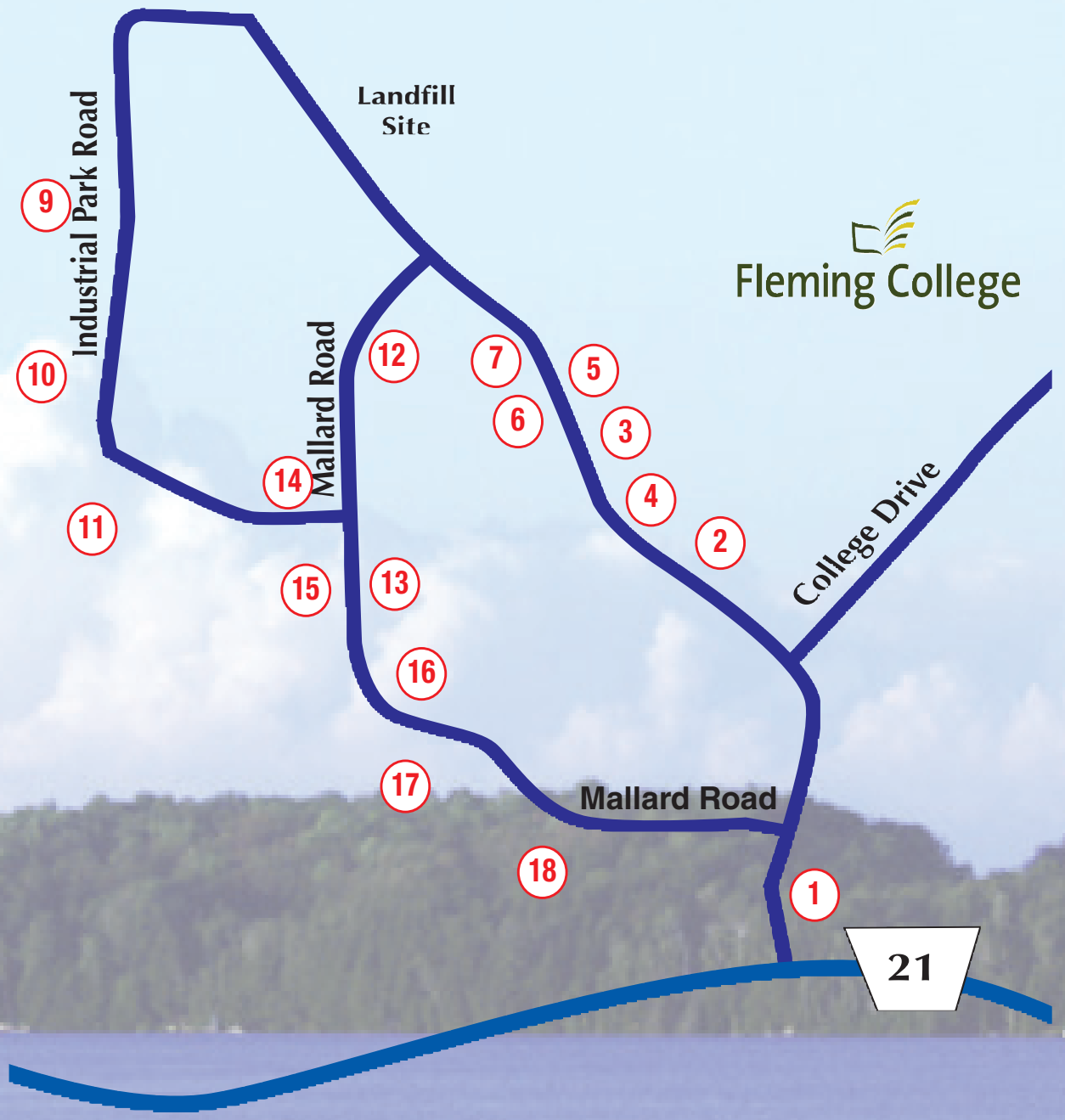

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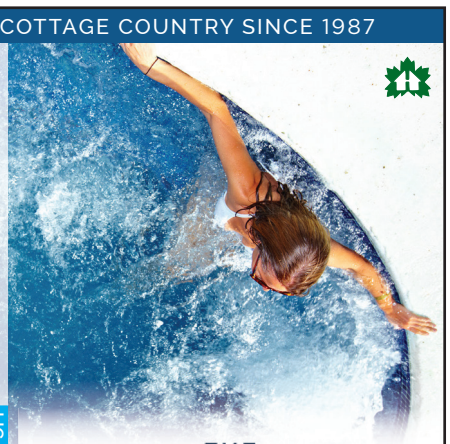

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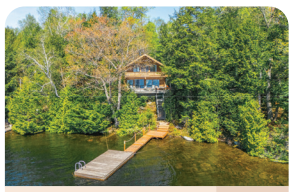
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Sometimes the music is just too infectious to resists: That, at least, was the reaction of three year-old Brittany Hewitt when she heard the band Minor Details Friday evening at Minden's Music by the Gull. To the delight of the band members and the audience, the daughter of Dean and Christine Hewitt danced her way across the street. The free concerts take place every Friday evening by the Minden Post Office. Bring a lawn chair and you might want to also pack your dancing shoes.

Helipad work should start this week

by Jerry Grozelle

Completion of the helipad at the new Minden Hospital site is expected to be at least a month away. Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Foster Loucks said he had heard community concerns regarding when the helipad would be built and in service.

"Site preparation is scheduled to start next week," Loucks said at Thursday's meeting of the HHHS Board. He noted that the electrical work, including burying the hydro lines, will have to be done before actual construction of the landing pad can get under way.

On a positive note, negotiations with the contractor have reduced the costs by $11,000.

Good financial news

When the Stewardship and Resources Committee of the HHHS completed its budget for 2001-2002 it was expecting a deficit of $482,000. Recent announcements from the provincial government have eliminated that deficit and the Board expects to end the next fiscal year in the black, barring any unforseen expenses.

"We will continue with the operating plan," said Don DeMaio, Chair of the Stewardship and Resources Com-

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To market, to market

A farmers' market is coming to Minden.

With the assistance of the Haliburton County Advisory Committee on Marketing and Economic Diversification, members of the local agricultural community will gather on Minden's Village Green this Saturday to sell the produce of their gardens, orchards and woodlots.

"The idea of a farmers' market came up during a discussion at the committee," market co-ordinator Stu Brandon said. "I offered to see if there was enough interest and received a favourable response from the farming community."

The August 4 market will be the first of three scheduled for this season. The others are set for September 1 and October 6, all holiday weekends. The group plans to hold a market day at the Haliburton County Fall Fair Au-

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The next edition of The Times will be published on Tuesday, August 7, since the Civic Holiday falls next Monday. Deadlines for next week's newspaper remain the same. Please have classified advertisements to our office by noon on Thursday, August 2 and display advertisements and editorial submissions by Thursday at 4 p.m. We hope everyone enjoys a safe holiday weekend.

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